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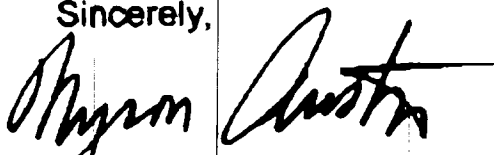
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a Microsoft supporter, I write you concerning the recent settlement. After three years of negotiations, what more is there to debate? Microsoft has agreed to make various changes in licensing, marketing and design, and has agreed to do so under supervision. It is time to move forward and get our technology industry back to business.

With our economy the way it is, it makes sense to support any advances in technology that will maintain our place in the global market. As the IT sector is forced to sit and wait for the settlement to be enforced, our economy is jeopardized by stagnant growth in the technology industry. As we spend our time and money of further litigation, others will be focusing on innovation.

Let us help move forward and get back to business. Please help stop any further actions against this agreement. I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Myron Austin